

F O R E W O R D

OREGON LAWS 2014 Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly

Oregon Laws are the bills passed by a session of the Legislative Assembly that are enacted into law. Acts from each session of the Legislative Assembly that passed both the Senate and House of Representatives are filed with the Governor for approval. The Governor signs each Act—or allows it to become law without signature—and then files the new session law with the Secretary of State for enrolling and chapter number assignment. Acts that the Legislative Assembly refers to Oregon voters are filed directly with the Secretary of State for enrolling and session law chapter number assignment. Chapter numbers for odd-numbered year session laws are assigned to statewide statutory initiative measures that are adopted by Oregon voters at each regular general election.

The Office of the Legislative Counsel prepares and publishes Oregon Laws in accordance with ORS 171.236. Each session law chapter contains a cross-reference to its bill number. The dates of approval and filing by the Governor and the chapter's effective date appear at the end of each chapter.

2014 Regular Session February 3 to March 7, 2014

The Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly convened its 2014 regular session on February 3, 2014, and adjourned on March 7, 2014—the 33rd calendar day. The Legislative Assembly passed 121 bills and adopted Senate Joint Resolution 203 (2014), which rescinded Senate Joint Resolution 34 (2013) and referred a similar, but modified, constitutional amendment to the people at the regular general election on November 4, 2014. The modifications were necessary due to statutory changes made during the 2013 regular session to the status and functions of the State Board of Higher Education. Also adopted at the 2014 regular session were House Concurrent Resolution 201 (2014), which established the schedule and deadlines for the 2014 regular session, Senate Concurrent Resolution 206 (2014), which established the schedule and deadlines for pre-session-filed measures for the 2015 regular session, and House Concurrent Resolution 205 (2014), which adjourned the 2014 regular session.

Effective Dates

Pursuant to ORS 171.022, each Act passed by the Legislative Assembly takes effect on January 1 of the year after passage of the Act unless a different date is specified in the Act. Article IV, section 28, of the Oregon Constitution, provides that an Act may not take effect sooner than 90 days from the end of a legislative session unless an emergency is declared in the Act. Unless otherwise specified in the Act, an Act in which an emergency is declared takes effect on the date it is approved by the Governor

or, if neither approved nor disapproved by the Governor, on the date it is filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

The normal effective date for Acts passed at the 2014 regular session is January 1, 2015. The effective date for Acts that take effect on the “91st day following adjournment sine die” is June 6, 2014.

Referendum

An Act that takes effect sooner than 90 days after the end of the session in which it is passed is not subject to referendum by petition under Article IV, section 1, of the Oregon Constitution. Other Acts may be referred to the people for their approval or rejection by petition filed with the Secretary of State not more than 90 days after the end of the session (June 5, 2014).

Veto Summary

The Governor approved all 121 bills passed by the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly at its 2014 regular session and did not exercise any of the veto powers granted by Article V, sections 15a and 15b, of the Oregon Constitution.